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DISNEY BOYCOTT

Are Baptists just following God's word?

After reading the Cal Thomas column about the Baptists ("At least the Baptists are taking a stand," Tell it to The Gazette, June 25), I was left with the feeling that maybe Thomas was suffering from a touch of Peter Pan syndrome. I guess we should send him a set of ears and a rousing rendition of the Mickey Mouse Club theme song.

I feel the Southern Baptists' action is absolutely appropriate and consistent with their beliefs. For this I admire their resolve. But to compare it to the revolt in Tiananmen Square — such an imagination. Maybe Thomas should be writing pulp fiction. He seems to feel that Walt Disney would be dismayed by the direction of his enterprise. Isn't this the same Walt Disney who as a teen-age soldier in Europe, made extra money by selling faked "war souvenirs" to other soldiers? (per Paul Harvey, June 25)

— **Hardy Wright**
Colorado Springs

THIS IS IN RESPONSE to Karlene Woods ("It's not Baptists' place to judge others," Tell it to The Gazette, June 29). I see man's view in Woods' comments, not God's. God has never changed, but a lot of Christians believe he has to accept them the way they want to be. God does judge (1 Cor 11:32).

She's right that Christians believe things that segregate them (John 15:19; John 2:15; Rom 12:2). A Christian is a believer of Jesus Christ and his words, not man's.

I cannot judge, but I am to discern what is right and wrong according to the Bible. Being a Baptist doesn't change that.

Any promotion of sin is wrong, regardless of the form. Do you think God was delighted with what was happening at the Magic Kingdom? Maybe, if you live in Disney's Fantasyland.

— **Ronald S. Hall**
Colorado Springs

KARLENE WOODS IS critical of the boycott of Disney by Southern Baptists; she alleges that they are being judgmental. Saying "we are good Christians," she adds, "God does not judge, he loves all people." Woods seems to plead for acceptance of the gay and lesbian lifestyles.

I am also a believer in Jesus Christ and will submit a common denominator of Christianity for Woods to consider: the Holy Bible. There are hundreds of scriptures in the Bible which state that God, through Christ, will judge the sins of those who reject the Word of God.

The Baptists are not in judgment of Disney; they are simply acting in obedience to 1 Cor 6:18.

Christ was not tolerant of sin. If I accepted only parts of the Bible and rejected those parts which conflict with my personal beliefs or lifestyle, I may be embraced and loved by many but I have no right to profess to be a Christian.

— **Bill Cooper**
Colorado Springs

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